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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
TAKA AKI YANAGISAWA, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW DIVISIONAL :  
APPLICATION  
FILED: HEREWITH :  
FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR :  
REPLENISHING A DEVELOPING  
DEVICE WITH TONER WHILE  
SUPPRESSING TONER  
REMAINING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.